Handing over of Degraded Land-Scapes to Wood-Based Industry

235. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA; SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAIIRAO SHINDE ; SHRI MURLIDHAR CHAN-DRAKANT BHANDARE : SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : SHRI RAJNI RANIAN SAHU :

WiU the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any request from pulp and paper industry to hand over degraded land scapes to such wood-based industry to en able them to raise trees and plants thereon by way of reforestation to feed their in dustry while reclaiming the degraded land has been under Government's consideration;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal; and

(c) what decision has since been taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAJL NATH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Some proposals in this regard have been received recently and are under consideration.

चिल्का झील पर विभिन्न संगठनों द्वारा आयोजित सम्मेलन

236. श्री अजीत जोगी :
चौधरी हरि सिंह :

क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या विभिन्न संगठनों/दलों द्वारा हाल ही में भुवनेश्वर में चिल्का झील पर एक सम्मेलन आयोजित किया गया था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या इस सम्मेलन में झील को संरक्षण प्रदान करने के लिए और इसके कार्यान्वयन हेतु कदम उठाने के बारे में सर्वसम्मति थी; और

(घ) इस संबंध में सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) :

(क) सूचना मिली है कि उड़ीसा कृषक महासंघ ने चिल्का झील के बारे में अन्य स्वैच्छिक ग्रुपों के साथ मिलकर 1 नवम्बर, 1992 को भुवनेश्वर में एक बैठक आयोजित की थी ।

(ख) से (घ) सरकार को इस बैठक में की गई चर्चाओं एवं सिफारिशों का ब्यौरा प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है ।

Scheme for Development of Forests in Andhra Pradesh

237. SHRI MENTAY PADMANA-BHAM : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to stale :

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for the development of forets in Andhra Pradesh:

(b) she total number of forests area developed in the State during the last three years; and

(c) the amount of Central Assistance given to the State Government from 1989-90 until now for the development of forests ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) A comprehensive Forestry project covering all the aspects of forest development in Andhra Pradesh with tentative project cost

of Rs. 278 crore to be spent over a period of 6 Years has been prepared. The project is being appraised by a World Bank team.

(b) The total extent of forests developed (plantations raised etc.) in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years is as follows :

Year	Block Plantations raised (in Ha.)	Avenue Plantation raised (in Km.)	No. of seedlings distribued to the public for planting in their private lands (Lakh Seedlings)
1990-91	20,270	56	333.44
1991-92	12,337	175	296.60
1992-93	19,940	228	520.21
1989-90	Rs. 425.82 lakh		Rs.

(c) The amount of Central assistance given to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for the development of forests is as follows ;

1992-93	Rs. 811.07 lakh
1991-92	Rs. 630.25 lakh
1990-91	Rs. 462.45 lakh
1989-90	Rs. 425.82 lakh

Reorganising the Delhi Pollution Control Committee

238. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is reorganising the Delhi Pollution Control Committee and transform it into a Pollution Control Board to grapple with the worsening pollution scenario in the National Capital Territory; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) by when, the Board is likely to be established ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Fresh water lake in South, 'Kolleru'

239. SHRI SOM PAL :
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: DR.
NAUNIHAL SINGH:

WiU the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government's attention ha* been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Indian Express dated 7-4-93 regarding Kolleru Lake in A.P., if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(b) whether it is a fact that the biggest natural fresh water lake in South, 'Kolleru* is fast disappearing due to pollution;

(c) if so, what are the factors contributing to the pollution of the lake;

(d) whether any action plan is being prepared to control and prevent the pollution of the lake;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) The newsitem in the Indian Express dated 7-4-93 refers to the problems of encroachments and pollution in the Kolleru Lake. This lake has been included under the national programme for wetlands conservation.